

**MASONIC.**—Stated communications of Weston Lodge No. 19, A. F. and A. M., will be held on the first and third Mondays of every month.

**GEO. ROSS, W. M.**  
**G. W. STRICKLER, Sec.**

**JANE LEW.**—Stated communications of Jackson Lodge No. 35, A. F. and A. M., will be held in their hall, in Jane Lew, on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

**M. McWHORTER, W. M.**  
**J. W. JACKSON, Sec.**

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.**

Owing to the fact that the holidays are here, and that printers, like the rest of mankind, are fond of enjoyment and recreation; and also that we have several turkeys to dispose of, and working would seriously interfere with digestion, no paper will be issued from this office next week.

We would like to take a retrospective view of the past year—its joys and its sorrows—but we have neither time nor inclination so to do.

It might be well to urge our friends to make good resolutions for the New Year—and then break 'em.

As this will be our last opportunity, we hereby tender to our many readers "A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!" And may you live long and prosper.

**THERE** is talk of starting a Democratic paper at Morgantown.

**THERE** are 308 Granges in West Virginia, and the number is increasing almost daily.

**MEAN.**—Some wretch poisoned a valuable dog belonging to Hon. J. M. Bennett one night last week.

**THE** time for killing swine has come, the squealiest of the year, of wailing bogs and shrieking shots, all horrid sounds to bear.

**POSTAL.**—The postoffice at Clover Hill, Doddridge county, is discontinued for the want of a candidate; the papers go to West Union.

**CONNECTION.**—In the local of Robert Juler last week, we said "Buckeye" tobacco seed, when it should have been "Barley."

**THE** dog tax bill has passed the Senate. Fifty cents tax on each dog, if all collected will realize \$10,000. That will be "right smart" help in hard times in this State.

**WE** have received the first number of the *Mountaineer*, published in Sutton, Braxton county. It is small—but promises to be larger. It presents a very neat appearance.

**THE** Clarksburg Telegram announces the marriage in that county of Jesse V. Flowers to Druella Plant. Oh, my! what a sight of little Flowers may spring from one Plant.

**"PAY** sent me over to borrow your DEMOCRAT—he only wants to read it." "Tell your pap to send me over his dinner—I only want to eat it."

**BRAXTON.**—The trial of E. C. Perkins, one of the murderers of Jeremiah Green, occurred last week. Perkins was sent to the Penitentiary for life. The others are to be tried in Gilmer county.

**MR. LEVI FISHER,** who resides three miles below Weston, owns a sow that has given birth to 45 pigs in the space of one year—16 in two litters and 13 in another. This was told us by Mr. Fisher himself.

**REWARD OFFERED.**—Governor Jacob has offered a reward of \$100 each for the apprehension and securing of Thomas Farley, Ambrose Farley and John W. Farley, who are charged with the crime of stealing cattle in the county of Logan.

**WHEN** you are buying Holiday Gifts, it might be well to go to the salerooms of S. E. Barrett, and examine his organs. Surely, nothing could be purchased that would give more satisfaction. He warrants every instrument for five years. Go and see his stock of Organs, sheet music, &c.

**MR. JAMES VASSAR,** a friend of Thomas Weffindin, Esq., recently from West Virginia, now at Pueblo, Colorado, for his health, writes to his friend that that country is the finest that the sun shines upon, and for an invalid is a heaven, indeed.

The above we take from the *Lawrence, Kansas, Journal*. Mr. Vassar left Weston a month ago for Colorado. His many friends here will be glad to know that he is pleased with the climate.

**BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET.**—From the market report this week we quote as follows: Very best on sale 54c; generally rated first quality 44c; medium or good fair quality 42c; ordinary thin steers, oxen and cows 28c; general average of the market 41; extreme range of prices 24c to 47. The cattle were from the following States: Virginia 1,435; Ohio 1,010; Maryland 53; West Virginia 363; Tennessee 38; Pennsylvania 29. Total 2,919.

**THE** LEE MONUMENT.—On the 10th day of January next, the anniversary of General Lee's birth, it is proposed to canvass every house in every town in the Southern States for the purpose of raising money for the erection of a monument in memory of General R. E. Lee. It is right and proper that all the Southern people should take part in this display of gratitude and affection, and there is no doubt that if applied to personally they will liberally respond according to their ability. All money subscribed will be sent to R. M. T. Hunter, the Treasurer

**WANTED.**—I want on thousand bushels of good sound corn, in the ear at my mills in Weston.

**A. W. WOODFORD.**

**IF** you are suddenly asked, "who among merchants have made the largest fortunes in the shortest time in legitimate business," will not your reply naturally be, "judicious advertisers."

**JUNIE BARE** says, that he don't keep many Holiday goods, as they are not in his line, but he has some good chewing tobacco and some of the finest cigars ever brought to Weston. Call in and try them.

**MR. A. M. SMITH** has purchased the stock, tools, &c., of the Saddler shop formerly owned by Jacob Stern, and will continue the business at the old stand. He requests his friends and the public generally to call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere. He sells low, and does good work.

**IRON FROM BRAXTON.**—We were shown on yesterday some pig iron made at the iron works in Braxton county. This is the first that has been made at these works and is said to be of the best quality. They also brought with them some of the ore from which this iron was made, the quantity of which, in that county, is said to be inexhaustible. The company propose sending some of this iron to Mr. M. F. Maury to be forwarded to Philadelphia. Let our delegates in Congress secure an appropriation for the improvement of Elk river and it will be but a short time until blast furnaces will be started at several points where this rich ore is so plentiful. —*Charleston Courier*.

**COMPULSORY EDUCATION.**—*Editor Democrat.*—I notice in your last issue "that a bill providing for Compulsory Education has passed to its second reading in the Legislature." This action, I think, is not only wise and prudent, but expedient and judicious. Should this system of education be adopted in our young, but eventful and growing little State, I am quite sure we would soon realize as wonderful a change as did Massachusetts and Connecticut shortly after its adoption. Compulsory Education is opposed, however, by many contumacious foes as illogically as earnestly. It has been frequently urged by the opponents of this system that its ratification would be contrary to the principles of a republican form of government. Let us look at this objection for a moment. If in times of sudden war when the very existence of a nation is imperiled by threatening aggression, does not the government call upon her citizens to shoulder their weapons and repel attack? Was not this right signally illustrated and universally acknowledged on both sides in the draft and conscription acts during our civil war? Was this right gained at a later period, when Germany was saved from the French invasion by a wonderful military system which converted the hind into the hero and the artisan into the warrior? If, therefore, in times of national extremity the government of a state or Nation has this privilege of interference with the family relation, it is manifestly proper, it strikes me, that she should call upon her people, and even demand by peremptory mandate that they assist in the arduous task of conquering ignorance, which is a foe more dangerous to national growth and prosperity than the armed host set in array upon the open field of battle. We are a nation of sovereigns, and whether we govern by ourselves or our agents, we direct the government. We should, therefore, each be qualified either to perform these functions ourselves, or to direct others how to do it, and to judge wisely of their acts. In our great and glorious Republic "the poorest orphan boy may, in his life time, be called upon to fill the highest legislative, judicial or executive position, and the law which makes him eligible is but mockery if it deny him the education required to qualify him for the discharge of such duties." It seems, then, that compulsory or universal education is absolutely essential in any form of government, it is in a Democracy. In a Republic every man controls, so far as his vote is concerned, the action of the people in the election of their law-makers. Does it not seem repugnant to reason, therefore, that any State should allow her children to grow up in ignorance, and thus let themselves liable to be led astray by the clap-traps of demagogues merely because they are uninformed upon the subjects at issue. Our government rests upon discretion, upon judgment, and upon thought. Does it not follow, then, that as a matter of self-preservation, ignorance, which is an enemy to the very basis of government, should be suppressed? Francis E. Abbott, in an address to the "First Independent Society" of Toledo, Oct. 1st 1861, says: "The most dangerous enemy of republican institutions is ignorance. Even crime is a smaller peril. Educated criminals are comparatively rare, and their power for mischief would be slight but for their influence over the uneducated." He says that ignorance is the precursor to crime, and almost the necessator to it, in a community in which the average intelligence is high. In this elaborate and cogent address he charges persons who are careless concerning the education of their children as criminals, and says they should be punished accordingly. This system is by no means unpopular, for it has been adopted in all the eastern States excepting Vermont, Illinois and New York have lately adopted this system. In California, where it has been adopted for sometime the per cent of illiteracy is very small. The ex-Governor of Pennsylvania was an earnest advocate of Compulsory Education. "Yet the municipal laws of most countries seem to be defective in this point, by not constraining the parent to bestow a proper education upon his children" are the words of Sir William Blackstone, one of the greatest jurists that ever read or reasoned.

**ON THE WING.**—*Editor Democrat.*—I now redeem my promise by sending you a few pencil notes taken during my wanderings as a commercial traveler. I shook the dust, or rather the mud of your town off my feet on the day of December, 1875, and departed eastward. And before I get beyond the precincts of said town I must tell you that the people in the counties I visit call your beautiful village "the sink into which is poured all the moneys of the State." It is very amusing to hear their extravagant estimates of the cost of the Insane Hospital. Some say \$1,500,000, others \$2,000,000 has already been expended. But to resume my journey. At noon I found myself in one of the permanent seats of government. From thence I shaped my course down stream for Grafton. Arrived at the historical town of Philippi and camped for the night. Was aroused bright and early the next morning by the crowing of the veritable old traditional rooster that reconstructed Colonel L. D., an old friend of your correspondent. The story is as follows: In the "late unpleasantness," before the battle of Philippi, the afore-said Colonel had joined the defenders of the "sacred soil," and was present in the said town, clad in the gorgeous trappings of a "grim visaged warrior" of the olden time—i. e. brass buttons, french hat and white feather, tipped with red. On the evening before the battle of Philippi, the Colonel's military greatness had expanded until in his own proper person he had covered with military glory a rather large in voice of that field familiarly termed apple-jack, which caused him to sleep soundly in his military boots and spurs. At daylight the boom! boom! of the Yankee cannon rang out on the morning air. The Colonel was aroused, and rushed to the window. He saw the hills all around lined with "Lincoln's hirelings," and saw at a glance that his chances for escape were almost hopeless. His next thought was how to get clear of his war clothes. Hastily he crammed the brass buttoned coat into an old chest, and hung the hat out of a back window. It lit "right side up," the feather commenced to wave triumphantly in the morning breeze. A robber seeing the feather, and mistaking it for some war-like bird, commenced hostilities. The Colonel, seeing the charge of the rooster, at once declared that "if every living thing, including the chickadees, were arrayed on the side of the United States Government, he would resign all hopes of military distinction and return to his loved ones at home," which he did, and there remained during the war.

In transit from Philippi to Grafton, I find that the Valley River has some extraordinary falls and rapids. The descent or fall between these two points is, the native say, about 250 feet. One of the falls is called "The Wells," from the fact that at the lower end of the fall there are several round holes bored in the solid rock. These holes are vertical, or nearly so, about three feet in diameter, and from 10 to 20 feet deep, and each of them have a large round stone lying loosely in the bottom. The theory of these constructions is this: The rush of waters in different directions have given to these stones a rotary motion, and thus the holes have worn for themselves a hole which goes on increasing in depth from year to year, as they rotate.

Yours, &c., **DRUMMER BOY.**

**SAD, IF TRUE.**—*Editor Democrat.*—I see in your valuable paper that applications for matrimonial licenses in the county of Lewis have been scarce for the past few months. There are two reasons for this deficiency—I may say calamity. First—the ministers may have failed to keep this question before the eyes of the young men—may not have presented it in all of its pleasing aspects. Secondly—it may be that the failure in the pumpkin and blackberry crop in the county of Lewis had something to do with it. A failure of this kind would make very much against the interests of matrimony. It is no small matter, I presume, for a young man to satisfy all demands, and pay all expenses growing out of a courtship and the tying of the nuptial knot. If he, however, could exchange a peck of blackberries for the license, and leave half a dozen, or even a dozen pumpkins at the parsonage for ministerial and ceremonial services, it would be much easier than to pay the ready cash; and can be done frequently when it would be impossible to pay the gold or silver, or even "rag babies." Young men of the county of Lewis, if this is the reason you have been so tardy in matters so important, you are excusable, and I for one sympathize with and for you; but be of good courage, you may expect an abundant crop of the afore-said vegetables next year. If so, it will doubtless be a time of rejoicing with many of you—yes, a time long to be remembered. Young men, let an old friend give you a little advice: You had better do up your courting this winter—the nights are long and cool, and oil remarkably cheap. And yet, if the old folks think it a little expensive, as they sometimes do, you can turn down the lampwick a little—not too low, or you will hide from your vision the rose-bud blooming by your side, or perchance lying in your arms; and you will also hide from her view the one who reminds her so much of that beautiful sunflower growing in her grandmother's garden. Should you have to go quite a distance to see the one you love so well, I would advise you to stay a few days, or at least until the old folks begin to look cross-eyed at you. This will be a saving of time and shoe leather. Don't forget to take with you a dicky, a paper collar, a fine tooth comb and a tooth-brush; and you had better "stop at Chalfant's" and get a quart of Coco Cream. It has a salutary effect on occasions of this kind. You should apply it frequently and freely. And should your talking organs become impaired, it would be well to take a spoonful diluted in vermifuge. The canvass has opened up favorably in the town of Nashville. In the past few days I have married twenty dol-

lars worth. May the good work continue and the country be saved from ruin.

Yours frequently,  
**J. L. SASSEAR.**

**NASHVILLE, OHIO, DEC. 20.**  
P. S.—I don't want it to be understood that I ever took pumpkins for services rendered. My old friends will remember that I always done a strictly cash business—getting for my services a sawbuck, a half sawbuck, and sometimes no buck at all.

**J. L. S.**

**THE** days are now growing longer.

—Our Streets just now are not in good trim for pedestrians—owing to the grading, draining, &c., 'that is being done.

—An occasional explosion from a fire-cracker last week gave us a gentle hint that Christmas was near.

—There had a fire at the Penitentiary at Moundsville last week—origin not known. Fortunately, not much harm was done.

—A number of flocks of pigeons were seen flying over our town last week. They were journeying towards the rising sun.

—A number of military companies from the South have signified their intention to visit the Centennial, and enter into friendly competition with companies in the North.

—The public is warned to look out for queer 50's of the postal currency, and soft five-cent pieces. Counterfeit postal cards are also abroad in the land.

—A correspondent of the *Greenbrier Independent*, writing from Nicholas county, signs himself "The Man that Major Sweeney Arrested and Put Under Guard in Lewisburg, in the Spring of 1865, for Announcing that General Lee had Surrendered at Appomattox."

**BUY** your Christmas and New Year's goods at home, and do not send your money away to other places; our merchants can furnish you with every article you want for that purpose.

—A mouse without pictures is like a stem thorn of its fair flowers. If you would make a room look neat, cheerful and homelike, first, and above all else, rob it of its staring, naked walls, by covering them up with modest and refined pictures.

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE KANAWHA.**—Senator Davis has introduced a bill into the Senate of the United States, to appropriate for the further improvement of the Kanawha. A correspondent of the *Point Pleasant Register*, writing from Washington, feels assured that an appropriation of one million of dollars will be voted by Congress for this river.

**THE** sugar toys hung temptingly in the show windows of the stores and attract the attention of the little ones, who look wistfully and longingly at the gorgeous display. We never see the little boys and girls, especially the latter, staring at the tempting articles, but what we thrust the dexter hand into her breeches pocket, but we are reminded we are only a newspaper representative, and not a Rothschild. Poor children! Poor printers!

**THERE** was a bill before the Senate prescribing "punishment for overdriving, torturing or depriving of necessary sustenance, or unnecessarily or cruelly beating, needlessly mutilating or killing any domestic animal." Every sensible, reasonable man will say amen to that species of legislation. That man who will maltreat or neglect his poor dumb beasts ought to be legislated out of civilization.

—The Clarksburg Telegram says: "They tell a good story on the Court this week. A witness living near the depot, summoned before the Grand Jury, and not wishing to appear, gravely informed the Court messenger that he had a case of small-pox in his house, and it would be unsafe for him to enter. The incident created some little excitement until the facts of the case leaked out."

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**—Since the first of December, Squire Woolter has issued permits to join in wedlock, as follows:

W. T. Powers to Mattie F. Morrison.  
T. L. Trayler to E. C. Cunningham.  
B. F. Matthews to Clara F. Bird.  
Thomas J. Wright to Susan Hall.  
Benjamin Alkire to Margaret Bonnett.  
John H. Homes to Delia Johnston.  
W. A. Oden to Laura S. Cook.

**LET** every man who owes a debt to his neighbor pay something on it, and thus put money into circulation. In times like these, some people take an unfair advantage and refuse to pay little debts that they are perfectly able to settle. Such a course only makes matters worse. The payment of a single debt results in the payment of a dozen more with the same money. Men should help one another in hard times, and they cannot more effectually do it than by paying their little debts.

—If an editor omits anything he is lazy. If he speaks of things as they are, people get angry. If he glosses over, or smooths down the rough points, he is bribed. If he calls things by their proper names, he is unfitted for an editor. If he does not furnish his readers with jokes, he is a snail. If he does, he is a rattlesnake—lacking stability. If he condemns the wrong, he is a good fellow, but lacks discretion. If he lets wrong and injustice go unmentioned, he is a coward. If he opposes a public man he does it to gratify spite—it is a tool of a clique and belongs to a ring. If he indulges in personalities, he is a blackguard. If he does not, his paper is dull and insipid. Put yourself in his place and see how nice it is.

**PIANOS AND ORGANS.**—We notice Mr. T. H. C. Fitzhugh, of Bridgeport, W. Va., on hand during the Fair with an Organ which was awarded the 1st premium. This is the second time Mr. Fitzhugh has been awarded the 1st premium on Organs at our Fairs. He informs us that he is no agent, but buys all his Pianos and Organs for cash, and is enabled to sell them at his own prices, without any general agent saying "do not sell for less than list prices." &c. We would advise all contemplating the purchase of a Piano or Organ to write to Mr. Fitzhugh, believing that he can and will do better for you than any other person. He will sell you any Piano or Organ that is manufactured, giving you the company's guarantee as well as his own. He furnishes any music book or sheet music by mail on receipt of price. Terms made to suit all.

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If you want a good quality of Groceries go to J. A. Barnes.

—A. A. Lewis still sells Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, &c., as low as the lowest. He has just received a large stock of goods, and wants his customers to come in and examine his stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Tobacco, Cigars, Tips and Stogies at J. A. Barnes.

—To ALL WHOM IT DOETH CONCERN.—Parties knowing their accounts to be over 60 days standing, will do well to call and settle at once. As our terms are strictly 60 days, you will readily see the importance of attending to this immediately. **RYAN & CO.**  
Weston, Nov. 15.

**DR. GEORGE B. MORRIS**, of the firm of Morris, Jarrett & Hall, Dentists, 341, 5th Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., will visit this place twice a year—spring and fall—notwithstanding others report to the contrary.

**DISSOLUTION NOTICE.**—The firm of Varney & Dawson have dissolved partnership. All accounts due the firm must be settled at once with Thomas Barnes.

**JOHN VARNEY,**  
**T. G. DAWSON.**  
Weston, Nov. 20, 4 w.

**RYAN & CO.**, wholesale and retail dealers in Boots, Shoes and Leather, Harness, Saddles and Bridles, have a splendid assortment of goods on hand, which they offer very cheap. Special bargains to dealers. Satisfaction guaranteed. We pay the highest cash prices for Hides. Good produce taken in exchange for work or goods.

**J. R. RYAN & CO.,**  
Main Street, Weston.  
September 6—1f

A good stock of Groceries constantly on hand at J. A. Barnes.  
Fresh bread every day at J. A. Barnes.

**DR. GEORGE B. SIMPSON** desires us to state that he has now got his business so arranged that he can attend to all professional calls—the firm having secured the services of a competent druggist. He respectfully solicits calls from the country, which will receive prompt attention—night and day. When not at the store, the Doctor can be found at his residence (the dwelling formerly occupied by Judge Edmiston) just below the Bank.

Go to J. A. Barnes for your Canned Fruit.

The best candies in Weston at J. A. Barnes.

**NOTICE.**—The regular Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the National Exchange Bank of Weston, West Virginia, for the election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House in Weston, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1876.

**D. M. BAILEY, Cashier.**  
Weston Dec. 13th 1875, 4 w

**ROSS & VANDERVOORT** have just received their second invoice of Hats and Caps, in all the newest Fall Styles, for men, youths, boys and children. If you wish anything desirable in this line we would advise you to give them a call and see their styles and prices before making a purchase.

**DR. A. M. DENT** has located permanently in Weston for the practice of his profession. Having attended a thorough course of lectures at Sterling Medical College, after an experience of twelve years as a practical druggist, the Doctor has obtained not only an accurate knowledge of diseases, but also, from his long experience as a druggist, understands perfectly the properties of medicines, and their application in the treatment of disease. The Doctor can be found at his residence on Centre Street, nearly opposite the Court House. All calls, night and day, promptly attended to.

Essences of all kinds at J. A. Barnes.

Barnes has a fine assortment of Christmas Goods.

Ladies, you can get a good Boulevard Skirt at Ross & Vandervoort's for 50 cents.

Go to J. A. Barnes and get the best and cheapest groceries in Weston.

Best quality of Tea at J. A. Barnes.

Choice mince-meat, peach butter and apple butter for sale at J. A. Barnes.

Go to J. A. Barnes for your cakes,ackers, &c., Main Street.

Ross & Vandervoort are constantly receiving additions to their large stock of Dry Goods, which they offer to the public at prices to suit the times.

Best Prints 8 to 10 cents.  
Bleach Muslin 10 cents.  
Brown Muslin 8 to 10 cents.  
Good heavy Jeans 30 cents.

A full line of Dress Goods, Shawls, &c., cheap for cash.

**GEORGE FINSTER** is Special Agent for the *Intelligencer* and *Register* for this county.

Go to J. A. Barnes for your Groceries—the cheapest in town.

**A. A. LEWIS** still sells goods cheap. His stock cannot be excelled for quantity, quality or prices. Go thou, and see, and be convinced.

**ROSS & VANDERVOORT** are selling choice Roasted Coffee at 30 cents; White Sugar at 12 1/2 cts, and Gunpowder Tea at 8 1/2 cts. A full line of staple groceries always on hand at lowest cash rates.

Ross & Vandervoort have just received a large lot of choice Family Flour, made from selected White Wheat, which they are selling at nine dollars per barrel, delivered to any part of the town. Every barrel warranted to give satisfaction.—They have also a lot of Buckwheat Flour for sale in quantities to suit purchasers.

—No FOR CHRISTMAS.—When Christmas is approaching our business men generally vie with each other in making selection of goods for the season. While so many make a good display, yet we think Mr. Ralston, our popular Jeweler, has the finest display of Christmas goods in his line ever brought to Weston. Call in and look at his display of Jewels.—It is well worth your trouble. Besides, Ralston is a good fellow to deal with, and you could not help but buy if you were to call and examine his stock and prices.

Soaps of all kinds at Brinkman's.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**

Persons who intend making presents to their friends should take a look through the large stock of Messrs. Ross & Vandervoort's, and make a selection from the good things there and secure a bargain before it is too late.

A new lot of Hamburg Trimming, the latest novelties in Ladies' Silks, Ties and Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves and Toilet articles, in great variety, at Ross & Vandervoort's Cheap Cash Store.

The best confectionaries in town at J. A. Barnes.

We call attention to the fact that J. A. Barnes has purchased the Grocery formerly owned by James Vassar, and will continue business at the old stand. Give him a call.

A FACT WORTH KNOWING.—Are you suffering with Consumption, Coughs, severe Colds settled on the breast, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs? If so, go to your Druggists, Dr. G. B. Simpson & Co., and get a bottle of *Boschee's German Syrup*. This medicine has lately been introduced from Germany, and is selling on its own merits. The people are going wild over its success, and druggists all over our country are writing us of its wonderful cures among their customers. If you wish to try its superior virtue, get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents. Large size bottle 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it.

**GOOD PAINTING.**—We would call attention to the fact that we have two as good painters as can be found in this State. The work done by them stands up to show for itself. We refer to the painting done on the residence of Hon. J. M. Bennett. It is as good a job of painting as can be done anywhere. It was done by two Weston painters—J. A. and W. W. Watson. Any one wanting good painting done will do well to call on them. They keep paints, oils, varnish, wall-paper, &c., which will be sold at Baltimore prices. Call on or address, J. A. and W. W. Watson, Weston, W. Va.

**WHILE** you are buying Christmas Goods, you might as well get something useful as well as ornamental. Aspinall & Rohrbough have on hand anything you want from a nice Dress Pattern to a Silk Tie, and they have the best selection of custom made Shoes ever brought to this market.

**CHIRSTMAS.**

**THE** Place—Chalfant's Block—open front Main Street.

Ask for Chalfant and his Tea at 75 cents per pound, his good Coffee 2 pounds for 55 cents.

His 24 sheets of Paper and 24 Envelopes for 20 cents.

His pure Fish Oil at \$1.00 per gallon. His North Carolina Lard.

His Corn Shellers at \$11—Eagle. His good canned Peas at \$2.50 per dozen.

His Blank Books.

In short spend half hour in going through his Warehouse, noting prices and compare the same with others. 1/2 ton Pure White Lead, 500 gallons of Oil in store, Paints in colors, and Brushes of every kind and style.

The Builder, the Mechanic of every branch, and the Housekeeper of the most fastidious taste can find a caterer to their wants.

Cutlery, Silver plated Ware, Parlor Coal Stoves, Bird Cages, &c.

Go to Chalfant's and ask for any want in the Household.

**F. M. CHALFANT.**  
Weston, November 15.

**SALE OF LAND IN BRAXTON COUNTY.**

Pursuant to an interlocutory decree pronounced at the November term of the County Court of Braxton county, 1875, in a chancery cause in which J. N. Camden, H. A. Holt and P. R. Adams are plaintiffs, and Felix Skidmore and James Skidmore are defendants, the undersigned, appointed special Commissioner in said cause for the purpose, will, on the first day of the January term next to be held for the county of Braxton, before the front door of the Court House of said county, proceed to sell the following tracts of land, situate, lying and being in Braxton county, to-wit:

80 ACRES;  
a tract of 50 ACRES,  
and a tract of 60 ACRES.

all on the south side of Elk river, and adjoining each other, known as the James Skidmore land. In the plaintiff's bill and proceedings mentioned, or to much thereof as will be sufficient to discharge the plaintiff's debt. Said land will be sold to the highest bidder for cash much cash in hand as will be sufficient to pay the costs of said sale and expense of sale, the residue in three equal payments of 1/3, 1/3 and 1/3 months, taking from the purchaser bonds with good security, bearing interest from date, and retaining a lien on the lands sold for the payment of the purchase money.

**WM. NEWLON,**  
Commissioner.

**West Virginia.**  
At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Braxton county, on the 6th of November in December, 1875.

Jacob S. Hyer and Adam J. Hyer, merchants and partners trading under the firm name and style of J. S. Hyer & Co., plaintiffs,  
vs.  
Abel M. Lough, Sheriff of Braxton county, and as such administrator of Lydia Barnett, deceased, late Lydia Duffield, Jasper Hoffman and Sarah Ann, his wife late Sarah Ann Duffield, heirs at law of said Lydia Barnett, deceased, and others, defendants.

**IS CHANCEY.**  
The object of this suit is to make liable a tract of land containing — acres, lying in Braxton county, on the waters of Wolf Creek, for a debt due plaintiffs by Lydia Barnett, in her life time, the title of which is now vested in her heirs at law.

And it appearing to the Court that the defendant Jasper Hoffman and Sarah Ann Hoffman, his wife, late Sarah Ann Duffield, heirs at law of Lydia Barnett, deceased, are not residents of this State, it is ordered that they appear here at rules to be held in the Clerk's office of said Court, on the last Monday in December, 1875, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

Teste:  
**W. L. J. CORLEY, Clerk.**  
Wm Newlon q. dec 14

**MARBLE WORKS.**

**W. J. KITSON, Proprietor**  
Corner Main and First Street.  
**Monuments, Tomb & Grave Stones,**  
**MARBLE MANTLES,**  
**TABLE TOPS,**  
**WASH STANDS and**  
**FURNITURE TOPS, &c.**

**Cemetery Lots** enclosed with Marble or granite coping; also Pests and Gravelled Tubing. All descriptions of HOUSE WORK done on the shortest notice.

**\$5,000**  
**To Loan at 5 per cent, secured by confidence, and the fact—**

That Chalfant has now in store 5 Tons of best iron, at 4 1/2 cents per bar.

He has 75 kegs of